

Deborah M. Williams, MPA, MPH, CHES

Deb is the Manager of the Office of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (OCDPHP) at the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD). The OCDPHP team works to improve the health of the community by working collaboratively with community partners to educate, motivate, and increase skills among people to maintain healthy and safe lifestyles. OCDPHP programs encourage people to get moving, be safe, eat better, and live smoke-free. In 2010, OCDPHP received *Communities Putting Prevention to Work* (CPPW) grants to address both tobacco and obesity in Clark County. OCDPHP is currently working with the Clark County School District on Community Transformation Grant activities to create healthier school and community environments.

Prior to accepting her current position with SNHD in August 2005, Deb worked for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) for 23 years. She began her career in the KDHE Health and Environmental Laboratories as a virologist. After almost 11 years of confirming vaccine preventable outbreaks of mumps and measles Deb decided to make a career change to a more proactive role in disease prevention. She has worked with HIV community planning, trauma system development, public health improvement planning and most recently with chronic disease prevention. As Director of Special Studies in the Office of Health Promotion at KDHE from 2000 - 2005, Deb managed statewide programs for arthritis, diabetes, heart disease and stroke, nutrition and physical activity, and community health interventions.

Deb holds a Bachelor of Arts in Microbiology and a Master of Public Administration (MPA) from the University of Kansas and a Master of Public Health (MPH) from Wichita State University. She also is a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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Name	POSITION TITLE		
Deborah M. Williams	Manager, Office of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Southern Nevada Health District		
EDUCATION/TRAINING <i>(Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, and include postdoctoral training.)</i>			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE <i>(if applicable)</i>	YEAR(s)	FIELD OF STUDY
University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS	BA	1979	Microbiology
University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS	MPA	1996	Public Administration
Wichita State University, Wichita, KS	MPH	2000	Public Health
Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES)		2006	

A. Positions and Honors.**Positions and Employment**

August 2005 – present: Manager, Office of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Southern Nevada Health District

Provide leadership for Chronic Disease, Tobacco and Injury Prevention and Control Programs. Managed Communities Putting Prevention (CPPW) tobacco and obesity awards. Managing Community Transformation Grant (CTG) subaward from Clark County School District.

Served as PI for CDC Cooperative Agreement 1H75PS002093-01 (hepatitis C)

January 2000 – July 2005: Director, Special Studies, Bureau of Health Promotion, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Provided oversight for chronic disease programs including the CDC-funded Kansas Diabetes Prevention and Control Program; Kansas Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program; Kansas Arthritis Program; and Kansas Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). Also served as the Healthy People and Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant Coordinator for Kansas.

May 1998 – December 1999: Coordinator, Robert Wood Johnson Turning Point Public Health Improvement Planning Special Project, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (special assignment)

December 1995 – April 1998: Coordinator, Kansas EMS/Trauma Planning Project, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (special assignment)

September 1994 – November 1995 – MPA Internship with Kansas Department of Health and Environment

August 1979 – August 1994 – Microbiologist, Kansas Public Health and Environment Laboratory - Virology

Professional Memberships

American Public Health Association, 2005 – present

Nevada Public Health Association, 2005 - present

Vice-President, Southern Nevada Chapter, 2010 - 2011

National Association of Chronic Disease Directors, 2000 - present

Board of Directors, Cardiovascular Health Council, 2002-2004

Board – Great Basin Public Health Leadership Institute, 2006 – 2009 (Chair 2007)

NACCHO Big Cities Chronic Disease Communities of Practice, 2009 – present

Co-Chair, School Nutrition Subcommittee, 2010 – 2013

Las Vegas Healthy Communities Coalition Steering Committee, 2010 – present

Jameson Fellow – 2013 - present

Honors

Arthritis Foundation *Commitment to a Cure* award – 2009
City of Las Vegas Women's History Month award - 2009

B. Selected Peer-Reviewed Publications (in chronological order).

C. Research Support.

Ongoing Research Support

NA

Completed Research Support

Assisted Dr. Patrick Hays in the development of a rapid serological test for Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (published in Journal of Infectious Disease by Dr. Hays)

Directed Community Health Intervention Project (CHIPr) at Kansas Department of Health and Environment (participatory community research)

Directed project to research feasibility of applying the HHS Disparities Collaboratives model for diabetes quality of care in the private provider sector.

The Economic Impact of the Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act Law in Clark County, directed by UNLV